

FARM EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES

APRIL 2003 - APRIL 2004

FARM EMPLOYMENT	APPALACHIAN II ^{1/}					UNITED STATES ^{2/}				
	Apr. 2003	July 2003	Oct. 2003	Jan. 2004	Apr. 2004	Apr. 2003	July 2003	Oct. 2003	Jan. 2004	Apr. 2004
	(1,000)					(1,000)				
Hired Workers:	29	36	38	32	35	781	943	891	662	825
Expected to be Employed:										
150 days or more	17	19	18	20	23	619	680	626	549	648
149 days or less	12	17	20	12	12	162	263	265	113	177
Agricultural Services:										
Workers Working on Farms	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	157	320	306	185	252
Hired Farm & Service Workers	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	938	1,263	1,197	847	1,077
Hours Worked:	(Hours Per Week)					(Hours Per Week)				
Hired Workers	33.7	32.6	36.2	33.6	36.2	40.1	39.8	40.2	38.1	40.7
Wage Rates:	(Dollars Per Hour)					(Dollars Per Hour)				
For All Hired Workers ^{4/} ^{5/}	7.64	8.27	8.04	9.16	9.06	9.16	8.88	9.05	9.41	9.22
Type of Worker:										
Field and Livestock Combined	7.28	7.88	7.70	8.66	8.55	8.49	8.26	8.47	8.55	8.58
Field	7.32	7.79	7.56	8.76	8.48	8.40	8.17	8.42	8.39	8.46
Livestock	7.24	7.98	8.12	8.59	8.62	8.75	8.57	8.64	8.83	8.95

^{1/}Appalachian II includes Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. ^{2/}Excludes Alaska. ^{3/}Insufficient data for this category. ^{4/}Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. ^{5/}Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

HIRED WORKERS: ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE RATES

SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2002 - 2003 ^{1/} ^{2/}

STATE	ALL HIRED		FIELD		FIELD & LIVESTOCK	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Dollars Per Hour						
Illinois	9.67	9.88	8.63	9.04	8.94	9.27
Indiana	9.19	9.73	8.92	8.95	8.76	9.00
Kentucky	7.50	8.03	6.76	7.37	7.10	7.67
Missouri	8.68	9.11	8.35	8.67	8.33	8.70
Ohio	8.70	9.14	7.68	8.58	8.23	8.66
Tennessee	7.60	8.01	7.34	7.63	7.32	7.63
Virginia	8.58	8.98	7.71	8.42	7.98	8.33
West Virginia	7.45	7.77	6.78	7.99	7.17	7.41
UNITED STATES ^{3/}	8.81	9.08	8.12	8.31	8.18	8.42

^{1/}Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. ^{2/}Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average for all States and the U.S. is based on data collected for January, April, July and October. ^{3/}Excludes Alaska.